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Consumer Price Index

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
January, 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia Jan '04 Index	Nova Scotia % Change from. Dec '03	Nova Scotia % Change from Jan '03	Canada Jan '04 Index	Canada % Change from Dec'03	Canada % Change from Jan '03
All Items	123.6	0.1	0.4	122.9	0.1	1.2
Food	122.9	0.7	0.9	123.7	0.2	1.1
Shelter	123.6	0.7	2.0	118.7	-0.1	2.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.6	-0.4	1.5	114.9	0.0	0.9
Clothing & Footwear	107.1	-4.0	-3.4	102.3	-0.2	0.7
Transportation	139.5	0.7	-2.9	142.2	1.0	0.2
Health & Personal Care	115.6	-0.3	2.3	117.7	0.1	1.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	127.2	-0.9	0.2	125.3	-0.9	-0.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	143.3	0.2	5.1	140.8	0.5	6.7
Energy	*135.9*	*3.0*	*-3.4*	*138.9*	*2.0*	*-1.1*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's January 2004 all-items CPI index of 122.8 (1992=100) was up 0.1% from last month and increased by 0.7% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.1% in January; it increased 0.4% over January 2003.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-non-alcoholic beverages (+12.9%); preserved fruit and fruit preparations (-5.7%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (+5.2%); gasoline (+3.7%)
-homeowners' insurance premiums (+2.7%)
-purchasing and leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.3%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-footwear (-10.1%); women's clothing (-3.3%)
-fresh or frozen beef (-5.1%)
-inter-city transportation (-3.3%)
-recreational equipment & services (excl. vehicles) (-2.6%)
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-1.7%)

Canada

! From December 2003 to January 2004, all-items CPI increased 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.2% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-gasoline (+5.7%)–price increases were widespread across provinces ranging from 1.9% in BC and NL to 7.8% in AB, while PE remained stable.
-non-alcoholic beverages (+5.9%)–increases in all provinces as prices returned to normal after holiday promotions.
-fuel oil (+10.0%)–partly due to stronger demand resulting from cold temperatures and higher crude oil prices. Increases were noted in all provinces, with the strongest in QC (+14.4%) and ON (+13.7%).

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-natural gas (-9.3%)–mostly under the pressure of price declines in ON
-travel tours (-11.0%)–January is a lower month of demand compared to February and March
-air transportation (-4.8%)–price decreases are usual in January as they are compared to high season fares in December.
-other items that experienced a price decline included fresh fruit, sporting and athletic equipment and men's clothing

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March 18, 2004

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
February, 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia Feb '04 Index	Nova Scotia % Change from Jan '04	Nova Scotia % Change from Feb '03	Canada Feb '04 Index	Canada % Change from Jan '04	Canada % Change from Feb '03
All Items	124.2	0.5	-0.1	123.2	0.2	0.7
Food	123.6	0.6	0.7	123.4	-0.2	1.1
Shelter	124.4	0.6	1.0	119.0	0.3	2.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.7	0.1	0.4	115.2	0.3	0.6
Clothing & Footwear	107.9	0.7	-0.6	104.0	1.7	0.2
Transportation	139.3	-0.1	-4.0	141.9	-0.2	-1.5
Health & Personal Care	115.2	-0.3	1.2	117.7	0.0	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	129.3	1.7	1.5	126.6	1.0	-0.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	143.4	0.1	2.4	141.1	0.2	5.7
Energy						

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's February 2004 all-items CPI index of 123.2 (1992=100) was up 0.3% from last month and increased by 0.2% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.5% in February; it decreased 0.1% over February 2003.
- Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
  -Gasoline +4.4%
  -Fuel Oil and Other Fuel +5.4%
  -Fresh or Frozen Beef +6.4%
  -Footwear +8.3%
  -Dairy Products +3.0%
  -Homeowners' Insurance Premiums +2.8%
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
  -Purchase and Leasing of Automotive Vehicles -2.5%
  -Furniture -3.0%
  -Men's Clothing -2.9%
  -Fresh or Frozen Chicken -3.0%
  -Other Cereal Grains and Cereal Products -1.8%
  -Transportation (inter urban) -1.0%
  -Women's Clothing -0.9%

Canada

- From January to February 2004, all-items CPI increased 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 0.7% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  -Gasoline Prices +3.4%, from 2.1% in Ontario to 7.7% in Manitoba
  -Travel Tours +11.9%, similar to the last five years
- Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
  -Purchase of Automobiles -1.9%, due to rebates and discounts

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April 20, 2004

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
March, 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Mar '04 Index	% Change from. Feb '04	% Change from Mar '03	Mar '04 Index	% Change from Feb '04	% Change from Mar '03
All Items	125.0	0.6	-0.1	123.6	0.3	0.7
Food	123.3	-0.2	0.2	123.6	0.2	1.0
Shelter	124.1	-0.2	-0.5	119.0	0.0	1.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.0	0.3	0.8	115.3	0.1	0.7
Clothing & Footwear	112.4	4.2	-0.4	105.3	1.3	-0.2
Transportation	141.0	1.2	-2.9	142.8	0.6	-1.2
Health & Personal Care	116.2	0.9	2.2	118.3	0.5	1.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	130.6	1.0	2.0	127.3	0.6	0.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	147.4	2.8	4.5	141.3	0.1	5.6
Energy	*142.3*	*1.4*	*-6.5*	*143.3*	*1.0*	*-4.1*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's March 2004 all-items CPI index of 124.0 (1992=100) was up 0.6% from last month and increased by 0.2% over March 2003.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.6% in March; it decreased 0.1% over March 2003.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-women's clothing (+8.9%)
-gasoline (+4.0%)
-cigarettes (+3.6%)
-recreational equipment & services (excl. vehicles (+2.3%)
-Cablevision (incl. pay TV) (+1.8%)
-purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.4%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-fresh & frozen beef (-4.0%); non-alcoholic beverages (-3.7%); fresh or frozen chicken (-1.6%)
-fuel oil & other fuel (-2.0%)

Canada

! From February to March 2004, all-items CPI increased 0.3% in Canada, the largest monthly advance since March 2003; Canadians paid 0.7% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-travel tours (+5.5%)–typical increase this time of year
-gasoline (+2.7%)–widespread across provinces and ranged from 0.6% in ON to 7.2% in AB
-women's clothing (+2.0%)–mostly due to price increases on new summer stock & return to regular prices from discounts
-automotive vehicles (+0.3%)

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-computer equipment & supplies (-2.6%)
-natural gas (-2.5%)–mostly under pressure of price declines in AB
-meals from fast food & take-out restaurants (-0.8%)

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May 20, 2004

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
April, 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Apr '04 Index	% Change from. Mar '04	% Change from Apr '03	Apr '04 Index	% Change from Mar '04	% Change from Apr '03
All Items	125.1	0.1	1.0	123.9	0.2	1.6
Food	123.3	0.0	0.7	123.4	-0.2	0.8
Shelter	124.2	0.1	1.1	119.6	0.5	2.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.8	-0.2	0.6	115.6	0.3	1.0
Clothing & Footwear	108.9	-3.1	-2.0	103.8	-1.4	0.0
Transportation	141.3	0.2	-0.3	143.5	0.5	1.2
Health & Personal Care	116.2	0.0	1.3	119.0	0.6	1.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	130.6	0.0	2.0	127.1	-0.2	0.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	152.7	3.6	7.7	142.2	0.6	5.7
Energy	*142.5*	*0.1*	*1.4*	*146.2*	*2.0*	*6.4*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's April 2004 all-items CPI index of 124.1 (1992=100) was up 0.1 % from last month and increased by 1.0% over April 2003.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.1% in April; it increased 1.0% over April 2003.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-cigarettes (+5.5)
-fresh or frozen chicken (+5.5%); bakery products (+3.5%)
-inter-city transportation (+2.9%)
-child care and domestic services (+1.9%)
-automotive vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs (+1.3%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (+0.8%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-men's clothing (-5.2%); women's clothing (-4.2%)
-fresh vegetables (-4.6%); processed meat (-3.2%); fresh fruit (-2.8%)
-recreational equipment & services (excl. vehicles) (-1.5%)
-homeowners' maintenance & repairs (-0.8%)

Canada

! From March to April 2004, all-items CPI increased 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.6% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-electricity (+3.3%)–mostly attributable to a 5.7% increase in Ontario along with a 6.5% increase in British Columbia
-natural gas (+3.2%)–almost completely attributable to removal of the provincial government rebate program in Alberta
-gasoline (+1.5%)–fourth consecutive monthly increase as crude oil prices continued to rise
-automotive vehicles (+0.7%)–some manufacturers adjusted their incentive programs

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-fresh vegetables (-6.0%)–some crops became available from Canadian hot-house producers
-computer equipment & supplies (-3.2%)–result of decreased prices for both desktops and laptops
-women's clothing (-2.6%)–result of widespread sales in most categories–decreases were noted in all provinces
-men's clothing (-1.4%)–widespread sale prices moderated by introduction of new seasonal clothing items
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-1.3%)–result of decrease in Ontario and Prince Edward Island

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June 22, 2004

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
May, 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia: May '04 Index	Nova Scotia: % Change from. Apr '04	Nova Scotia: % Change from May '03	Canada: May '04 Index	Canada: % Change from Apr '04	Canada: % Change from May '03
All Items	126.0	0.7	2.0	125.0	0.9	2.5
Food	123.5	0.2	0.5	124.4	0.8	1.3
Shelter	124.6	0.3	2.3	119.8	0.2	2.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	111.8	-0.9	-0.5	115.4	-0.2	0.8
Clothing & Footwear	108.4	-0.5	-5.2	102.8	-1.0	-0.6
Transportation	146.3	3.5	5.6	148.2	3.3	6.0
Health & Personal Care	115.8	-0.3	0.9	119.0	0.0	1.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	131.8	0.9	1.8	128.4	1.0	0.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.0	0.2	7.4	143.4	0.8	5.3
Energy	*152.1*	*6.7*	*17.9*	*156.2*	*6.8*	*16.2*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's May 2004 all-items CPI index of 125.0 (1992=100) was up 0.7% from last month and increased by 2.0% over May 2003.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.7% in May; it increased 2.0% over May 2003.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-gasoline (+12.5%); fuel oil & other fuel (+4.0%)
-traveller accommodation (+7.6%)
-fresh fruit (+6.0%); food purchased from restaurants (+0.6%)
-inter-city transportation (+4.4%)
-purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.3%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-kitchen utensils, tableware & flatware (-25.0%); household textiles (-4.3%)
-fresh vegetables (-4.4%); fresh or frozen pork (-3.1%); bakery products (-2.4%)
-women's clothing (-2.8%)
-personal care supplies & equipment (-0.9%)

Canada

! From April to May 2004, all-items CPI increased 0.9% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.5% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-gasoline prices (+13.6%) - highest monthly rise since June 1983 (+19.1%); increases seen in all provinces ranging from +3.6% in Prince Edward Island to +17.5% in Manitoba
-traveller accommodations (+7.9%) - introduction of summer rates
-air transportation (+5.7%) - partly due to seasonal changes in rates and rising fuel costs
-fresh fruits prices also contributed to the upward pressure due to poor weather in the growing regions of producer countries

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-women's clothing (-3.3%) - due to widespread sales in most categories of women's clothing
-index for seeds, plants and cut flowers (-4.0%) - widespread sales were reported on many categories

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July 16, 2004

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
June, 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Jun '04 Index	% Change from May '04	% Change from Jun '03	Jun '04 Index	% Change from May '04	% Change from Jun '03
All Items	126.5	0.4	2.3	125.1	0.1	2.5
Food	125.1	1.3	1.5	125.6	1.0	1.9
Shelter	124.8	0.2	2.3	120.3	0.4	2.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.5	0.6	-0.7	115.0	-0.3	0.4
Clothing & Footwear	108.3	-0.1	-2.7	101.9	-0.9	0.9
Transportation	145.7	-0.4	5.7	147.1	-0.7	5.4
Health & Personal Care	116.3	0.4	1.5	119.1	0.1	2.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	132.6	0.6	1.8	128.5	0.1	0.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.0	0.0	7.0	144.0	0.4	5.6
Energy	*151.2*	*-0.6*	*16.9*	*154.8*	*-0.9*	*13.0*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's June 2004 all-items CPI index of 125.4 (1992=100) was up 0.3% from last month and increased by 2.3% over June 2003.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.4% in June over last month; it increased 2.3% over June 2003.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-fresh and frozen pork (+27.3%); fresh or frozen beef (+6.4%); fresh vegetables (+5.9%)
-kitchen utensils, tableware and flatware (+24.9%)
-traveller accommodation (+10.5%)
-furniture (+3.7%)
-women's clothing (+2.3%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-men's clothing (-2.4%)
-processed meat (-2.0%)
-footwear (-1.8%)
-gasoline (-1.3%)
-home entertainment equipment & services (-0.8%)
-purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.2%)

Canada

! From May to June 2004, all-items CPI increased 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.5% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-meat (+4.0%) - resulting from +4.6% increase for beef as re-established pricing to levels comparable with those prior to the discovery of mad cow disease in Alberta, higher chicken prices as lower supply pushed the index up +5.4% due to British Columbia's avian flu outbreak and stronger demand for pork increased pork prices +5.7%
-natural gas (+8.0%) - rise entirely the result of a 38.5% increase in Alberta mostly due to higher costs for gas recovery
-traveller accommodation (6.0%) - rise ranged from 3.2% in Saskatchewan to 10.5% in Nova Scotia with onset of peak tourist season across the country

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-gasoline (-3.3%) - largest decreases were registered in Ontario (-5.5%) and Quebec (-4.9%) while increases were observed in PE, NL, NB and MN

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August 24, 2004

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
July, 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia Jul '04 Index	Nova Scotia % Change from. Jun '04	Nova Scotia % Change from Jul '03	Canada Jul '04 Index	Canada % Change from Jun '04	Canada % Change from Jul '03
All Items	126.7	0.2	2.2	125.0	-0.1	2.3
Food	126.0	0.7	1.9	125.6	0.0	1.9
Shelter	124.9	0.1	2.5	120.6	0.2	2.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.6	0.1	-0.4	114.9	-0.1	0.3
Clothing & Footwear	108.5	0.2	-3.0	100.9	-1.0	-0.7
Transportation	145.3	-0.3	4.2	146.2	-0.6	4.5
Health & Personal Care	116.6	0.3	1.7	119.2	0.1	2.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	133.2	0.5	1.7	128.9	0.3	0.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.6	0.4	7.3	144.2	0.1	5.6
Energy	*149.4*	*-1.2*	*12.3*	*152.3*	*-1.6*	*10.7*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's July 2004 all-items CPI index of 125.6 (1992=100) was up 0.2% from last month and 2.1% over July 2003.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.2% in July; it increased 2.2% over July 2003.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-traveller accommodation (+5.9%)
-fresh or frozen beef (+5.9%); processed meat (+4.1%)
-men's clothing (+3.8%)
-cablevision (including Pay TV) (+2.7%)
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+2.3%)
-paper, plastic and foil supplies (+2.0%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-preserved fruit and fruit preparations (-2.5%); fresh fruit (-1.6%)
-gasoline (-2.4%)
-children's clothing (-2.4%); women's clothing (-2.2%)
-recreational equipment & services (excl. vehicles) (-1.3%)
-household chemical products (-1.2%)

Canada

! From June to July 2004, all-items CPI decreased 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.3% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-higher traveller accommodations (+4.7%) - attributable to the peak tourist season across the country

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-fresh vegetables (-5.8%) - domestic produce now available
-women's footwear (-5.7%) - end-of-season specials
-gasoline (-3.5%) - all provinces/territories posted price decreases falling most in Alberta (-8.6%) and least in Ontario (-1.6%)

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August 24, 2004

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
July, 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia Jul '04 Index	Nova Scotia % Change from. Jun '04	Nova Scotia % Change from Jul '03	Canada Jul '04 Index	Canada % Change from Jun '04	Canada % Change from Jul '03
All Items	126.7	0.2	2.2	125.0	-0.1	2.3
Food	126.0	0.7	1.9	125.6	0.0	1.9
Shelter	124.9	0.1	2.5	120.6	0.2	2.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.6	0.1	-0.4	114.9	-0.1	0.3
Clothing & Footwear	108.5	0.2	-3.0	100.9	-1.0	-0.7
Transportation	145.3	-0.3	4.2	146.2	-0.6	4.5
Health & Personal Care	116.6	0.3	1.7	119.2	0.1	2.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	133.2	0.5	1.7	128.9	0.3	0.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.6	0.4	7.3	144.2	0.1	5.6
Energy	*149.4*	*-1.2*	*12.3*	*152.3*	*-1.6*	*10.7*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's July 2004 all-items CPI index of 125.6 (1992=100) was up 0.2% from last month and 2.1% over July 2003.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.2% in July; it increased 2.2% over July 2003.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-traveller accommodation (+5.9%)
-fresh or frozen beef (+5.9%); processed meat (+4.1%)
-men's clothing (+3.8%)
-cablevision (including Pay TV) (+2.7%)
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+2.3%)
-paper, plastic and foil supplies (+2.0%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-preserved fruit and fruit preparations (-2.5%); fresh fruit (-1.6%)
-gasoline (-2.4%)
-children's clothing (-2.4%); women's clothing (-2.2%)
-recreational equipment & services (excl. vehicles) (-1.3%)
-household chemical products (-1.2%)

Canada

! From June to July 2004, all-items CPI decreased 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.3% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-higher traveller accommodations (+4.7%) - attributable to the peak tourist season across the country

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-fresh vegetables (-5.8%) - domestic produce now available
-women's footwear (-5.7%) - end-of-season specials
-gasoline (-3.5%) - all provinces/territories posted price decreases falling most in Alberta (-8.6%) and least in Ontario (-1.6%)

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September 17, 2004

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
August, 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Aug '04 Index	% Change from Jul '04	% Change from Aug '03	Aug '04 Index	% Change from Jul '04	% Change from Aug '03
All Items	126.6	-0.1	2.0	124.8	-0.2	1.9
Food	126.4	0.3	2.9	125.3	-0.2	2.6
Shelter	125.0	0.1	2.5	120.9	0.2	2.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.8	0.2	-0.3	115.0	0.1	0.3
Clothing & Footwear	111.7	2.9	2.2	101.8	0.9	0.0
Transportation	143.5	-1.2	1.4	144.7	-1.0	1.6
Health & Personal Care	116.5	-0.1	1.7	118.8	-0.3	1.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	132.9	-0.2	1.3	128.6	-0.2	0.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.6	0.0	7.2	144.7	0.3	5.5
Energy	*149.0*	*-0.3*	*8.4*	*152.4*	*0.1*	*6.2*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's August 2004 all-items CPI index of 125.6 (1992=100) was unchanged from last month and increased by 2.0% over August 2003.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index declined 0.1% in August; it increased 2.0% over August 2003.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-women's clothing (+6.7%); men's clothing (+3.0%)
-sugar & confectionery (+6.4%); fresh fruit (+4.2%); fresh or frozen beef (+3.1%); processed meat (+2.1%)

! Since last month price declines of particular note included:
-fresh vegetables (-6.7%), fresh or frozen pork (-3.7%); bakery products (-1.8%)
-purchase & leasing of automobiles (-2.7%)
-footwear (-2.3%)
-recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (-1.1%)
-gasoline (-0.6%)

Canada

! From July to August 2004, all-items CPI decreased 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.9% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month noted higher prices included:
-women's clothing (+1.7%)–usual price increased this time of year
-natural gas (+1.5%)–mainly felt in Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario

! Notable lower prices included:
-fresh vegetables (-8.5%)–lower prices for lettuce and tomatoes
-automotive vehicle prices (-2.6%)–manufacturers provided incentive programs to help reduce stock before arrival of new models

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
September 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia: Sept '04 Index	Nova Scotia: % Change from Aug '04	Nova Scotia: % Change from Sept '03	Canada: Sept '04 Index	Canada: % Change from Aug '04	Canada: % Change from Sept '03
All Items	126.8	0.2	2.2	124.9	0.1	1.8
Food	126.5	0.1	3.9	124.7	-0.5	2.8
Shelter	125.9	0.7	3.7	121.2	0.2	2.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.8	0.0	0.4	115.4	0.3	0.3
Clothing & Footwear	111.2	-0.4	-3.2	104.9	3.0	-0.1
Transportation	142.6	-0.6	0.7	143.7	-0.7	1.3
Health & Personal Care	116.8	0.3	1.6	119.2	0.3	1.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	134.1	0.9	2.1	129.4	0.6	0.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.5	-0.1	7.0	144.6	-0.1	5.5
Energy	*150.2*	*0.8*	*10.4*	*151.7*	*-0.5*	*5.8*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's September 2004 all-items CPI index of 125.7 (1992=100) was up 0.1% from last month and increased by 2.0% over September 2003.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.2% in September; it increased 2.2% over September 2003.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-fresh or frozen pork (+7.3%); food purchased from restaurants (+1.6%)
-tuition fees (+7.2%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (+5.5%)
-clothing accessories and jewellery (+3.5%)
-health care services (+2.2%)
-homeowners' maintenance and repairs (+0.7%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-non-alcoholic beverages (-5.2%); fresh vegetables (-3.0%)
-men's clothing (-4.6%)
-inter-city transportation (-3.4%)
-furniture (-1.6%)
-gasoline (-1.0%)
-purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.7%)

Canada

! From August to September 2004, all-items CPI increased 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.8% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-women's clothing (+6.2%); men's clothing (+2.2%)–new fall clothing lines wee introduced in stores
-tuition fees (+4.2%)–down from the 8.1% registered in September 2003; advances ranged from 0.6% for residents of Quebec to 13.0% for those of British Columbia
-fuel oil (+5.65)–concerns over world supply capacity

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-gasoline (-1.2%)–continued downward trend for a fourth consecutive month
-automotive vehicle purchases (-0.7%)–similar declines occurred in all regions of Canada
-fresh vegetables (-5.8%)–consumers still had access to Canadian vegetables

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
October 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia: Oct '04 Index	Nova Scotia: % Change from. Sept '04	Nova Scotia: % Change from Oct '03	Canada: Oct '04 Index	Canada: % Change from Sept '04	Canada: % Change from Oct '03
All Items	127.2	0.3	3.0	125.2	0.2	2.3
Food	126.5	0.0	4.3	125.3	0.5	3.5
Shelter	127.0	0.9	4.3	121.8	0.5	3.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.7	-0.1	0.2	115.0	-0.3	-0.1
Clothing & Footwear	113.7	2.2	-0.3	105.4	0.5	0.4
Transportation	143.2	0.4	3.2	144.6	0.6	3.5
Health & Personal Care	116.2	-0.5	1.1	119.1	-0.1	1.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	132.9	-0.9	1.7	128.4	-0.8	0.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.5	0.0	7.2	144.5	-0.1	5.5
Energy	*153.4*	*2.1*	*17.4*	*154.9*	*2.1*	*13.1*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's October 2004 all-items CPI index of 126.1 (1992=100) was up 0.3% from last month and increased 2.7% over October 2003.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.3% in October; it increased 3.0% over October 2003.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-footwear (+7.2%); men's clothing (+4.7%)
-property taxes (including special charges) (+3.9%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (+3.2%); gasoline (+2.8%)
-food purchased from restaurants (+1.0%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-fresh or frozen pork (-13.8%); processed meat (-2.9%)
-traveller accommodation (-11.1%)
-non-alcoholic beverages (-5.2%)
-personal care supplies & equipment (-1.4%)
-purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.9%)
-purchase and operation of recreational vehicles (-0.8%)

Canada

! From September to October 2004, all-items CPI increased 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.3% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-fresh vegetables (+9.5%)–the highest for a month of October since 1990 as a result of lower crop yields in Canada and bad weather in the US
-fuel oil (+9.3%)–raw material prices accounted for the major portion of this increase
-gasoline (+4.8%)–up after four months of decreased pricing; fuel oil
-property taxes (+4.3%)–captured in CPI once a year in October and assumed to be unchanged for the rest of the year

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-natural gas (-7.4%)–observed in all provinces except MN and SK where prices remained stable
-traveller accommodation (-9.2%)–new rates came into effect following the summer high season
-purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.0%)–financial incentives in all provinces triggered drops ranging from 0.7% to 1.6%, incentives that were mainly directed to vans and light trucks.
-computer equipment and supplies (-7.4%)–revision of data reported for monitors and printers accounts for about 2/3 of this decrease

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
November 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia Nov '04 Index	Nova Scotia % Change from. Oct '04	Nova Scotia % Change from Nov '03	Canada Nov '04 Index	Canada % Change from Oct '04	Canada % Change from Nov '03
All Items	127.8	0.5	3.2	125.7	0.4	2.4
Food	128.0	1.2	4.5	126.6	1.0	3.5
Shelter	127.9	0.7	4.8	122.2	0.3	3.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.9	0.2	0.2	115.1	0.1	0.2
Clothing & Footwear	114.0	0.3	0.9	103.2	-2.1	-1.0
Transportation	144.8	1.1	3.8	146.7	1.5	4.1
Health & Personal Care	117.3	0.9	1.0	118.8	-0.3	0.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	131.2	-1.3	1.4	127.4	-0.8	-0.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.5	0.0	7.3	144.7	0.1	5.2
Energy	*152.7*	*-0.5*	*18.9*	*151.7*	*-2.1*	*12.0*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's November 2004 all-items CPI index of 126.7 (1992=100) was up 0.5% from last month and increased by 3.0% over November 2003.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.5% in November; it increased 3.2% over November 2003.
- Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
  -non-alcoholic beverages (+12.3), fresh vegetables (+11.7%), processed meat (+2.5%)
  -fuel oil and other fuel (+6.9%)
  -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+6.1%), automotive vehicle parts, maintenance & repairs (+3.2%)
  -personal care supplies & equipment (+2.0%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
  -traveller accommodation (-17.0%)
  -gasoline (-4.7%)
  -automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-2.4%)
  -fresh fruit (-2.2%)
  -homeowners' maintenance & repairs (-2.0%)
  -inter-city transportation (-1.8%)
  -recreational equipment & services (excl. vehicles) (-0.9%)

Canada

- From October to November 2004, all-items CPI increased 0.4% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.4% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+6.4%) models from current year are replaced by the new models in the CPI sample.
  -fresh vegetables (+18.8%)–among the highest increase for any November due to smaller harvests in Canada this summer and bad weather in the US–the most significant increase was tomato prices which were up by 50.1%
- Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
  -gasoline (-5.0%)–price reductions were recorded in all provinces except PEI where prices are legislated
  -traveller accommodation (-9.5%)–demand in most areas continues to drop compared with the summer's peak tourist season
  -women's clothing (-4.4%) and men's clothing (-2.2%)–numerous discount sales on clothing–these monthly decreases were the largest for any month of November since these series started in 1982.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
December 2004 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia: Dec '04 Index	Nova Scotia: % Change from. Nov '04	Nova Scotia: % Change from Dec '03	Canada: Dec '04 Index	Canada: % Change from Nov '04	Canada: % Change from Dec '03
All Items	127.5	-0.2	3.2	125.4	-0.2	2.1
Food	128.6	0.5	5.3	127.2	0.5	3.1
Shelter	128.1	0.2	4.4	122.3	0.1	2.9
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.9	0.0	-0.2	115.3	0.2	0.3
Clothing & Footwear	110.6	-3.0	-0.9	100.8	-2.3	-1.7
Transportation	143.4	-1.0	3.5	145.8	-0.6	3.6
Health & Personal Care	116.9	-0.3	0.9	119.1	0.3	1.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	130.8	-0.3	1.9	126.9	-0.4	0.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.5	0.0	7.3	144.5	-0.1	3.1
Energy	*148.6*	*-2.7*	*12.6*	*147.3*	*-2.9*	*8.1*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's December 2004 all-items CPI index of 126.2 (1992=100) was down 0.4% from last month and increased by 2.9% over December 2003.
- **Halifax's annual increase in CPI was 1.7%.**

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.2% in December; it increased 3.2% over December 2003.
- **Nova Scotia's annual increase in the CPI was 1.8%.**
- Notable decreases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -gasoline (-5.9%)
  - -children's clothing (-5.9%); men's clothing (-4.1%),; footwear (-3.2%); women's clothing (-1.8%)
  - -household appliances (-4.3%)
  - -fresh fruit (-4.2%)
- Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
  - -fresh vegetables (+8.2%); sugar & confectionery (+4.2%); fresh or frozen beef (+3.5%)
  - -inter-city transportation (+2.9%)
  - -homeowners' maintenance & repairs (+2.2%)
  - -purchase leasing of automotive vehicles (+1.1%)

Canada

- From November to December 2004, all-items CPI declined 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.1% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- **Canada's annual increase in the CPI was 1.9%.**